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Commander Flynn is a 1991 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government. Upon receiving his commission, CDR Flynn served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC PAPA W (WLB-308), Galveston, Texas, maintaining offshore Aids to Navigation in the western Gulf of Mexico. In 1993, he was selected for duties as Commanding Officer of USCGC POINT BAKER (WPB-82342), Sabine Pass, Texas, conducting Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Straits of Florida. Responding to the 1994 Cuban migrant exodus under Operation Able Vigil, the crew of cutter POINT BAKER rescued 392 Cuban rafters. In 1995 CDR Flynn was selected to attend the University of Rhode Island where he earned a Masters Degree in Marine Affairs.

Following graduate school, CDR Flynn was assigned to the Office of Law Enforcement, 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska. In 1998, CDR Flynn assumed command of the North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center in Kodiak, Alaska, which is responsible for training all Coast Guard personnel conducting domestic and international fisheries law enforcement in the North Pacific Ocean.

In 2001, CDR Flynn returned to sea as Executive Officer aboard USCGC STEADFAST (WMEC-623), Astoria, Oregon. Cutter STEADFAST conducted numerous homeland security patrols near the approaches to Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. In addition, cutter STEADFAST completed two counter-drug patrols in the eastern Pacific Ocean, interdicting more than four tons of marijuana.

In April 2003, CDR Flynn reported to the White House where he served as the U.S. Coast Guard Military Aide to the Vice President. During this tour, CDR Flynn traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe and Asia coordinating military support for the Vice President. In 2005 CDR Flynn was assigned to the Coast Guard Personnel Command, Enlisted Assignments Branch in Arlington, Virginia where he served until March 2007.

CDR Flynn's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal and three Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

